

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Waters' Gift
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 15/65
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 18
C-4
4. Address: 3600 Dustin Road, Burtonsville
5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-MNCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	Historical Sites
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal <u> </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u> </u>
Present use <u>private residence</u>	
6. Date: c. 1750
7. Original Owner: John Waters
8. Apparent Condition

a. <u>good</u>	b. <u>altered</u>	c. <u>Original Site</u>
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9. Description: This three bay by four bay, log and frame house faces south. Originally a two bay log house, it was enlarged within fifty years by a one bay addition to the east. Recently a two tiered addition was made to the north. The south door is wooden paneled; the east door is vertical boards hung by iron strap hinges. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. The west gable roof is higher than the east gable roof and the north addition is a two tiered shed roof. All are covered by wood shingles. The exterior has stained redwood clapboarding.
10. Significance: This log and frame farmhouse is associated with the Waters family, early settlers in this section of the County. It is believed that John Waters built the first (log) section of Waters' Gift around 1750. When his sons partitioned Waters' estate in 1778, Thomas Waters received the house. Thomas Waters died around 1812, and left the property and slaves to his nephew, Thomas Waters of Plummer.
 Charity Waters inherited Waters' Gift and 107½ acres, which she sold to her sister Sarah Ridgely in 1852. Sarah and her husband Charles farmed the land, and did well until they defaulted on their mortgage payments in 1880. The farm was sold at public auction to George Ridgely, who in 1897 also lost the farm.
 Waters' Gift passed through several changes of ownership in the 20th century, and was revitalized by the Taylors after they purchased the farm in 1949. The present owners bought it in 1968.
11. Researcher and date researched: Donald Leavitt-7/79
12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian
13. Date Compiled: 10/79
14. Designation
15. Acreage: 33.26 acres
- Approval

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Waters' Gift

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3600 Dustin Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Burtonsville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Russell Abolt

Telephone #: 421-9163

STREET & NUMBER

3600 Dustin Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Burtonsville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20730

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3811

Folio #: 385

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by four bay, log and frame house is located far from the road and faces south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the log house was originally a two bay structure. The east wing is thought to have been added fifty years after the log house was built. The north addition was built into a hillside in 1971-72 and has brick foundations. The entire house is now sheathed in brown stained redwood clapboards. Three flagstone steps lead to the south wooden paneled door which is flanked by applied fluted pilasters. Four flagstone steps lead to the east vertically paneled wooden door which hangs on iron strap hinges. On the north elevation there is a large irregularly shaped redwood deck built around the base of a large oak tree.

The house has six-over-six double-hung windows. There is a six light casement window in the east gable. There are two gable roofs: the west gable roof is higher than the east gable roof. The north addition has a two tiered shed roof. All roofs have wooden shingles.

The south (front) door opens into a central hallway. East of the hall is the dining room and west of the hall is the living room. North of the dining room is the kitchen. North of the kitchen and down several steps is a family sitting room or study.

There is an open string, double run stairway which ascends, south north, along the east interior wall. This stairway has a turned newel post and square balusters. The floors are random width. The living room has modern wooden paneled walls and the ceiling has exposed joists. The dining room's west interior wall is exposed log with cement chinking. The north, south and east walls of the dining room are covered with chestnut board and batten siding. The hall has a rose glass oval globe with brass fixtures suspended from the ceiling. There is a crystal chandelier in the dining room.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1750

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Waters' Gift is a mid-18th century log farm house. It is associated with the Waters Family, early settlers in that section of the county.

In the mid-18th century John Waters owned several tracts of land bordering on the Patuxent River in eastern Montgomery County. The tracts were known as "Waters' Purchase", "Maiden's Fancy", and "Mother's Good Will" or "Mother's Gift", among others. It is believed that around 1750 he built the first (log) section of the Waters' Gift house. At his death Waters' estate was divided among his sons, and in 1778 they filed for a partition of the land.¹ Thomas Waters came into possession of the house, a building described in the 1783 assessment as an "old log dwelling house". Tradition states that the name "Waters' Gift" originated when the house and surrounding property were given from father to daughter in the year 1800 as a wedding present; there is no known documentation to substantiate this legend. However, Thomas Waters' property was called "Waters' Gift" in the 1812 assessments, the earliest known use of that name. This could be a result of a unrecorded present, or the joining of two of the tract names, "Waters' Purchase" and "Mother's Gift".

Thomas Waters died shortly after 1812 and left the property and his slaves to his nephew,² known as Thomas Waters of Plummer.

Thomas Waters of Plummer amassed more than 840 acres by 1841,³ which at his death passed on to his eight children.⁴ Waters Gift was inherited by his daughter Charity, who sold the 107½ acres to her sister Sarah Ridgely in 1852.⁵ Sarah and her husband Charles become farmers on Waters' Gift.

Over the years they increased their wealth and seemed to be successful farmers. Yet in 1880 they mortgaged the property⁶ and soon afterwards defaulted on the payments. Waters' Gift was seized by the bank and sold off at public auction. George Ridgely (relationship?) bought the land and tried his hand at farming.⁷ He succeeded at it for 14 years, but eventually he also defaulted on mortgage payments. In 1897 the land was once again put up for sale at public auction. An ad in the Montgomery County Sentinel described the property, "Mortgagee's sale of a VALUABLE FARM...the improvements consist of a FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, corn house, stable, tenant house, peach trees, and a fine variety of cherry trees on the place."⁸

Waters' Gift passed through several changes in ownership in the first half of the 20th century, including one more public sale as a result of a foreclosure. The lands were no longer farmed, and the house was used as a summer cottage. In 1949 the Taylors bought the property,⁹ and spent considerable effort revitalizing the old structure into a year-round house, while still retaining the historical ambience. In 1968 the present owners purchased Waters' Gift and now board horses on the slopes leading down to the Patuxent River.

(Footnotes on Attachment Sheet A)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Assessment, Will, and Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md.
 Gerarci, Ron, Vicki Walker, Linda Donnary. Old Building Survey of the
 Burtonsville Area. Burtonsville, Md.: Burtonsville Bicentennial
 Committee, 1976.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 33.26 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located approx. 3/4 mile NE from Dustin Rd. and approx. 1½ miles from the
 intersection of Dustin Rd. and Rt. 29, near the Howard County line.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Candy Reed - Arch. Desc.

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created
 by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the
 Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,
 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information
 and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-
 ment of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Montgomery County Land Records, Partition A/160 (1778).
- 2 Montgomery County Wills, J/436 (1/2/1816).
- 3 Montgomery County Assessments, (1841).
- 4 Montgomery County Wills, HH 1/120 (6/22/1847).
- 5 Land Records, Deed JGH 1/495 (8/9/1852).
- 6 Ibid., Mortgage EBP 22/343 (7/17/1880).
- 7 Ibid., Deed EBP 29/147 (7/2/1883).
- 8 Montgomery County Equity Records, Case #1496 (1897).
- 9 Land Records, Deed 1037/356 (9/11/1949).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Waters Gift Tract				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 3600 Dustin Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Burtonsville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: R. L. Abolt				
STREET AND NUMBER: 3600 Dustin Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Burtonsville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

House has been modernized with new siding, chimneys and windows, although the proportions suggest an older house. According to Mrs. Abolt, the south wing of the house is log.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

OTHER: Owner interested in house and in history of
 the land. Owns 30+ acres backing onto
 WSSC's Rocky Gorge Reservoir.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "	° ' "	° ' "		
SW	° ' "	° ' "	° ' "	° ' "		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

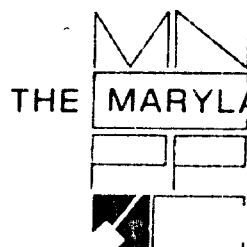
NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 1/11/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

M:15-65 HRE



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

June 12, 1984

RECEIVED

JUN 14 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Office
Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr
Enclosure

- Associated with the Pearre family, early agriculturalists and prominent citizens of upper Montgomery County.
 - Because the acreage associated with this site is protected under a conservation easement, the site is designated with an environmental setting of approximately 6.7 acres to include the main house, the log dairy, the corn crib, and bank barn as features representative of the historic farmstead.
- 14/41 Goshen Mennonite Church (p. 10)
- 1870 -- Unique brick structure, based on a design by Washington architect, Walter West, and built by master builder S. G. Henseley.
 - Site of one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal Churches in Montgomery County.
 - The parcel includes, in addition to the church building, a cemetery and semi-circular tree-shaded drive with wrought iron entrance gates, all of which contribute to the churchyard setting. The entire parcel should, therefore, be retained as the environmental setting.
- 14/59 Fertile Meadows (p. 10)
- Fine example of a late 18th century County farmhouse with a "distinctive southern Maryland flavor."
 - Associated for nearly a century with the Riggs family, prominent businessmen and farmers in Montgomery County.
 - An appropriate setting should include the main house, the log meat house and corn crib, plus sufficient land to protect the complex from future development.
- 14/60 Riggs/Wilcoxen House (p. 10)
- Late 18th century, simple Federal style farmhouse with Flemish bond brickwork.
 - Example of typical tenant farmhouse once found throughout the County.
- 15/65 Waters Gift (p. 11)
- Mid-18th century altered log farmhouse.
 - Associated with the Waters family, early settlers of the northeastern part of the County.
- 22/17 Flint Hill II (p. 12)
- Early 19th century log and frame farmhouse.
 - Associated with the Bowie family, a prominent family in Montgomery County and Maryland history.

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PATIENT

RIVER

HOWARD

MONTGOMERY

W.S.S.C.

~~DUSTIN~~

ROAD

PIKE

DUSTIN

ROAD

POTOMAC

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NAME WATER'S GIFT

M: #15-65

LOCATION END OF DUSTIN RD AT WSSC PROPERTY, BURTONSVILLE, MD

FACADE S.

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